Electronic Exchanges in Orissa

983. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government have already approved the proposal of installing electronic exchange at Ragadi, Kopai, Markandapur and Upper Bachhan in the district of Jaipur of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): The electronic exchange for Ragadi is under installation at the load centre, Pachhikote which is at a distance of 2 Kms from Ragadi. The telephone exchange for Kopai (Korai) is proposed to be installed at Kopai (Korai) itself. The equipment has already been ordered. There is no proposal for opening new telephone exchanges at Markandapur and Uppar Bachhan (Upper Barnan) as these places are proposed to be covered by Wireless in the Local Loop (WLL) system.

Restoration of faulty telephones

†984. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite making complaints to remove the faults of dead phones in Delhi, most of them are not restored to service after one month of registering complaints;

(b) if so, the outcome of the scheme of rectifying phones in twenty four hours; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government with regard to the above so that telephone subscribers do not face any problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that most of the telephone complaints are not attended for a month. There is no delay in rectifying defects in telephone exchange, drop wire and instruments. However, due to

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monsoon season, rectification of the faults in underground cables takes some time.

(e) MTNL has taken the following steps in this direction:

I. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has been able to approve from the Hon'ble Governor to form a Committee which includes Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC), Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and other private telephone operators who will work together to protect the underground cables from damage.

II. There is a proposal to replace all the paper Type cables with Optical Fibre Cable/Jelly Filled Cable (OFC/JF) in near future.

III. More and more Switching nodes like Remote Switching Unit (RSU), digital Line Concentrator (DLC) etc. are being installed so that the length of the underground cables can be minimized and reduce the number of telephone complaints.

IV. There is a proposal to replace all E-10B exchanges with new technology.

V. New technique like Wireless in the Local Loop (WLL) is introduced so that the length of the external wire, which connects to the customer, can be reduce.

Expansion of local call facility upto 500 kms.

†985. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi-Chandigarh, which falls within 200 Kilometers, has been deprived of local call facility;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand the local call facility upto 500 Kilometers by inter-connecting one circle with other; and

(c) if so, by when?

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